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The Clinton-Macomb Public Library: *Right at Home in the Community*

By Jodee Roberson, Community Relations Specialist, Macomb Public Library

When a new branch recently opened in a fast growing bedroom community, the Clinton-Macomb Public Library (CMPL) found a unique opportunity to reach out to residents of their service area through local neighborhood associations.

Before the North Branch opened in July 2001, fact sheets about the library were distributed to many of the builders in Macomb Township. Since this location was the first library ever in the township, facts were included about landmarks in the history of the library as well as a list of features about the building and collection. The fact sheet also included details about the planned festivities for the opening day celebration. This announcement, in addition to excellent coverage in the local media and other in-house publicity, resulted in over 1,500 people visiting the library on the opening day.

Features of the new library that have proven to be very popular with homeowners groups are the large meeting room and conference room. Thus far, half a dozen neighborhood associations have found it more convenient and accessible to use the library's spaces for their meetings rather than trying to coordinate use of a school or private home. By offering the use of the library's meeting rooms to these organizations, not only is the group being served but also many residents, who may not have been to the library, now have a reason to visit and find out all that their local public library has to offer.

In coordinating arrangements for the meeting room, many of the homeowners groups indicated that they were producing a newsletter for their communities. They gladly agreed to include an article about the library, the first of which was entitled "Your Public Library: The Best Neighbor You Could Possibly Have." The people producing these publications have been placed on the press releases list and will receive information sent to the local media about library news and upcoming programs for inclusion in future issues.

Programs have also been planned for the spring that will benefit and be of interest to the many residents moving into new homes in the community, such as a gardening program called "Stop... Before You Landscape Your New Home," and others on feng shui and home security.

To expand upon this initial success, CMPL has plans to directly work with local builders to advise them of the resources available at the library for their future residents through information provided with their move-in packets. With three libraries in the service area (two within the past two years), and a state of the art main library planned for 2003, CMPL offers a valuable benefit to those thinking of moving to the area. More homeowners associations will also be targeted, to inform them of the resources and facilities available for their organization and to ask them to include library news to their residents.



Notes from the State Librarian



Public Awareness/ Public Relations:

An Everyday Effort at the Brighton District Library

By Karen Keller, Adult & Automated Services Head
Librarian Brighton (MI) District Library

Broadband – who needs it? Libraries -- and the people who use them! Libraries of all types share a common mission: to provide equitable access to information. And that valuable resource we share – information – is increasingly available in digital and electronic formats. We need high speed or T1, Internet connections to provide access and fulfill our mission in the twenty-first century.

Only 30 percent of Michigan's public libraries have T1 internet access. It is estimated that across the nation approximately 50 percent of public libraries have T1 access or better. Why don't more of us have broadband access? Two reasons: availability and cost. In some states, public libraries can have a T1 connection for a fraction of what it costs in Michigan.

Why do we need broadband? E-books are a good example. To download an 8mg book with a T1 connections takes about 60 seconds. To download an 8mg book with the kind of connection that the vast majority of our libraries have takes close to an hour....on a good day. We also need broadband access to the Internet to best utilize the statewide resource sharing project we are envisioning with ATLAS, and to position libraries for future endeavors, such as teleconferencing and Internet2.

In our near future there are exciting opportunities for libraries to provide and share information and resources via the Internet. We can't afford to be left behind as the rest of the world speeds ahead with broadband access to the Internet!

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Many people now know that the service area of the Brighton District Library, and Livingston County in general, is the fastest growing (35.7%) in the state. One doesn't have to plow through census data to find out that double-digit growth is the norm; a quick read of newspaper headlines will provide that information. Responding to that growth does take considerable planning. SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) predicts that within 10 years our service area population will grow to over 66,000 (the Brighton District Library would become a Class VI library). Part of growth planning requires educating the community on the how, why and what of growth and adapting to the changes it brings.

Brighton's Board of Trustees has begun the process of formally addressing the impact of growth on the library system. Last August, the board and members of the library's management staff held an all-day, off-site retreat to discuss the issues and formulate a plan of response. In September, the entire library staff was asked to review what had been started and offer input. A plan of action was developed as the result of these efforts. The action plan includes very specific objectives, dates of completion, as well as broader-based statements.

Though the board decided that a millage request would probably not be necessary until 2005, they have already begun the work of a campaign. A PowerPoint® program was developed to be used as a presentation on library services and plans for growth to city councils and township boards in the communities the library serves. It's a thorough review of the library's history, provides current service information and comparisons with other libraries, and illustrates the challenges (not problems) the library faces as the service area continues to grow. An added benefit of creating the presentation was that it pulled together all of the things that

have happened and all the many things that have been accomplished. The story that unfolded was very inspiring to the board and staff—it was also a great education for new staff members. At the first presentation, a reporter from the Detroit News was present and subsequently a feature article on the library appeared in that newspaper. Usually one or two board members, along with the library director, present the program and answer questions. The program has gone through many revisions; each time it has been presented some changes or additions are made based on questions asked or other feedback. In addition to speaking before township boards and city councils, staff has also taken the “show” on the road and has addressed a variety of service clubs such as Rotary and Optimists. The other advantage of presenting this information so far ahead of an actual millage campaign is that misinformation and reasons for opposition are identified early and can be addressed.

The local press is a primary partner in any public relations effort. The library staff works hard at maintaining a good relationship with the press and creates personal contact with reporters and editors. The library has sponsored “media breakfasts” to introduce new programs or facilities. These breakfasts are held at the library in the morning before the library opens. Press packets are prepared and are distributed along with a cup of good coffee and a continental breakfast. A quick overview of the items in the press packet is given and the person responsible for the special item or event is on-hand to talk with reporters. When a new reporter is assigned to the library beat, a staff member will invite the reporter out to lunch to develop a personal relationship. When press releases are sent in, that reporter has a face to remember and a good working knowledge of the library.

Anytime there’s special news about the library, management makes sure the entire staff is well informed before it is made public. It’s crucial that they know what’s going on before it’s in the media; they may feel they’ve been made to look bad when patrons ask and they have no answer or if they don’t know what’s going on. If they have all the facts and are enthusiastic, they will be able to communicate that to the public. Staff is the front line in the public relations/awareness effort.

Proactive contact with the community and its leaders is just part of our effort to create good public

awareness and relations. Excellent library service when patrons use the library—whether they’re in the building, on the phone or using our website—is critical to that mission. The library has conducted a variety of surveys, including one that asked patrons to rate services and another that asked what times are best for book group discussions. We get important feedback from our patrons through our “How Are We Doing?” procedure. This customer response form asks patrons to tell us how we’re doing, ask questions, etc. The questions are then forwarded to the staff member best able to respond based on work assignment or expertise. The response is posted on a bulletin board out in the main area of the library. This activity, along with other traditional communication measures, such as our library newsletter, is part of our ongoing effort to keep our community aware and our relations on good terms.

Mr. & Miss Catsopolis Contest

*From Cass District Library,
Mary Elizabeth Harper writes:*

“We will begin accepting entries into the **Mr and Miss Catsopolis Contest** on March 1, 2002. Entries may be submitted through the month of March, with voting to begin April 1 and extend through May 31, 2002. This year, participants will be encouraged to seek corporate sponsors for their aspiring stars. As always, the cost to enter a cat is \$1.00, with votes still at 10 cents (.10) each. And as always, we encourage folks to vote early and often!”

For more information about this project, contact Mary Elizabeth Harper at meh@cass.lib.mi.us or (616)445-3400.

National Library Week/ School Library Media Month in Michigan

by Tim Watters, Cataloger

National Library Week will be observed April 14-20, 2002. The theme for 2002 is: @ your library. Michigan libraries looking for tips on organizing and promoting National Library Week can find them on the ALA web site at www.ala.org/events/promoevents/. There is also a National Library Week press kit at <http://www.ala.org/pio/presskits/nlwkit/>. To receive a free ALA Graphics Catalog with National Library Week posters and other promotional materials, call 800-545-2433, ext. 5046.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries in Michigan and across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our state's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries – school, public, academic and special – participate.

Many Michigan school libraries also celebrate the month of April as School Library Media Month sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians, a division of ALA, with the same theme as National Library Week.

The Public Information Office of the American Library Association coordinates the promotion, placing articles and public service advertisements in national media. The President of the United States issues an annual proclamation. Librarians, friends and trustees of libraries join in sponsoring local promotions. Posters and other promotional materials are available through the ALA Graphics Catalog.

Nationally, the ALA Public Awareness Committee and National Library Week Subcommittee advise and assist in planning National Library Week and related activities. The committees hold open meetings at the ALA annual conference and mid-winter meeting. Suggestions are welcome.

History

In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization in 1954 called the National Book Committee. The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life." In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!" In Michigan, a statewide committee was formed which sent out press kits to newspapers and encouraged local groups to develop library promotions. They created "fillers" for newspapers with tidbits such as "The 14th state librarian of Michigan was Mrs. Margaret Custer Calhoun, sister of General Custer."

National Library Week was observed again in 1959, and the ALA council voted to continue the annual celebration. When the National Book Committee disbanded in 1974, ALA assumed full sponsorship.

Dates – National Library Week is observed each year in April, generally the second full week.

- **2003 – April 6-12**
- **2004 – April 18-24**
- **2005 – April 10-16**
- **2006 – April 2-8**
- **2007 – April 15-21**

@ your library



Irish Genealogy



by Kyle Kay Ripley, Reference Assistant

Beannachtam na Femle Padriag! is Gaelic for “Happy St. Patrick’s Day!” ‘Tis the month of “the wearin’ o’ the green,” a time when everyone wants to have Irish ancestry in their family history. The bad news about doing Irish research is that it can be tricky because there aren’t many Irish records. A fire during the Irish Civil War in 1922 destroyed most Civil Records (Birth/Death/Marriage) that had been previously recorded. The good news is that with a bit of creativity you can use what does exist to research and document your Irish family ancestry.

Over 75,000 Irish immigrants settled in Michigan in the 19th century following the famine in Ireland. To research your Irish ancestors, start with yourself and work backwards, generation by generation. Interview relatives and gather information from letters, diaries, journals, family Bibles and photos. Searching federal census records allows researchers to systematically break their research into ten-year segments. The Library of Michigan owns census records for all states and Canada. After a thorough search of census records, researchers may wish to begin collecting vital record certificates. Vital records are available at state vital records offices and at county courthouses.

The local Latter Day Saints (LDS) Family History Center (FHC) is a valuable ally in assisting researchers interested in Irish genealogy. The LDS web site (www.familysearch.org) will help patrons find the FHC closest to them. Irish census records for 1901 and 1911 and an alphabetical name index to Irish Civil Records (Birth/Marriage/Death) starting in 1864 are available through your local LDS FHC. A major 19th century census substitute for Ireland is Griffiths

Valuation of property from 1850-1860. This source also contains family information for the Tithe Valuation from the 1820’s. You will find these resources at the Library of Michigan.

A four-volume set of the Famine Immigrants is available at the Library of Michigan. This lists Irish passengers who arrived between 1846-1851. The Library owns copies of the Emigrant Savings Bank Records, 1841-1945 for persons who sent money to the old country to help relatives follow them to the U.S. These sources may be helpful to find the county in Ireland from whence your ancestors came.

Thorough genealogy research requires proper documentation. This enables researchers to analyze and evaluate the information to determine what is true and what is family lore. The fun in discovering new information about your family through this “detective” work is what makes this a popular hobby. For more information about sources in this article see http://www.rootsweb.com/~irish/igsi_published/basic.htm.

Suggested websites:

<http://www.cyndislist.com/ireland.htm>

<http://www.irishgenealogy.com/>

<http://www.irishroots.net/>

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/irish.html>

<http://irelandgenealogyprojects.rootsweb.com/>

Trustees Corner

By Dragomir Cosanici, Library Law Specialist

Updated Library Laws Handbook

Since its inception in 1988, Library of Michigan's Library Laws Handbook has been a handy and extremely valuable reference tool for the Michigan library community. The staff at the Library of Michigan selects appropriate Michigan laws for this compilation. The handbook includes state constitutional provisions and public acts that reference the establishment, the governance and the funding of Michigan's public libraries. The handbook is a non-exhaustive guide for library trustees, directors and library staff. From penal fines to state aid, from municipal financing to library cooperatives, from privacy laws to election laws, it is a compilation of the state laws related to libraries in a uniform, easy to find format.

As in 2000, the latest version of the Library Laws Handbook is published in a loose-leaf format. This format was chosen because it affords its users flexibility in updating. As various laws get amended or interpretations are issued, users may easily supplement the edition themselves with copies of public acts, attorney general opinions, or other helpful information. The Michigan legislature website (www.michiganlegislature.org) brings the latest amendments to every library within hours of legislative activity. This website also provides access to the Michigan Compiled Laws database. Most opinions of the Michigan Attorney General are available on the department's website (www.ag.state.mi.us).

Despite electronic advances, it remains important to periodically publish in hardcopy a new edition of the handbook. This ensures that users have, even where lacking a continuous access to the Internet, this important resource at their fingertips. All the public acts in the latest edition of the handbook are current through the end of the 2001 Michigan legislative session. A copy of the 2001-2002 edition of the Library Laws Handbook is mailed to each public library in Michigan. As a public service, additional copies of the edition are available from the Library of Michigan free of charge.

There are a number of important amendments in the 2001-2002 edition of the handbook.

Here are some of the most noteworthy:

The Library of Michigan Act, Public Act 540 of 1982 has been extensively amended. On October 1, 2001, the Library of Michigan became a member of Michigan's executive branch of government and a part of the newly created Department of History, Arts and Libraries. With this change, many of the functions previously performed by the Michigan Legislative Council have been transferred to the Department of History, Arts and Libraries.

The Michigan Municipal Finance Act, Public Act 202 of 1943 has been repealed. Effective March 1, 2002, the Revised Municipal Finance Act, Public Act 34 of 2001 will take effect. One of the highlights of this new act is the requirement that many municipalities, including district libraries, file an annual audit report with the Michigan Department of Treasury within a proscribed time limit. Please check and make sure that your library meets the requirements of the revised laws.

The Michigan Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, Public Act 220 of 1976 now prohibits all employers including libraries, with very few strict exceptions, from requiring an individual to submit to a genetic test or to provide genetic information as a condition of employment or promotion.

The Library Privacy Act, Public Act 455 of 1982 was amended once again in late 2000. Section 6 of the act specifically deals with Internet access in libraries and minors. Libraries that provide Internet access and have more than one terminal must provide at least one filtered station for unaccompanied minors under the age of 18 and at least one unfiltered station for accompanied minors or adults. The alternative requires a "system or method" to protect minors from viewing obscene or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to them.

The Library of Michigan remains committed to supplying the latest legislative information to Michigan's legal community. If the Library Laws Handbook does not provide the necessary information, please check previous issues of *Access* or contact the Library Law Specialist at the Library of Michigan for additional information at dcosanici@michigan.gov or (517) 373-1299.

Really Fantastic Reference: Be the Strongest Link!

by Debbie Gallagher, Government Information Specialist,
Michigan Electronic Library

The MLA Reference Division's Spring Workshop will be held Friday, May 3, 2002, at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing. Join your colleagues for a comprehensive workshop that will cover the new, the noteworthy, the challenges and the future at the reference desk.

Our keynote speaker, Dale W. Jacobs, Editor-in-Chief of World Book Encyclopedia, will give us a behind-the-scenes look at the editorial discussions and decisions that make World Book a premiere resource. He'll also discuss the impact of September 11th on the encyclopedia content.

Back by popular demand will be our best-of-the-best Reference Panel where ace reference librarians share their favorites. There will be plenty of time to present the resources and take your questions.

Cathryn Weiss, Director of the Oakland Literacy Council, will give us insights into improving our interviewing skills for a growing segment of the library service population, non-native speakers of English.

Kathy Cadwallader of Michigan Library Consortium (MLC) will provide an in-depth look at AncestryPlus – a chance for librarians to learn more about using this popular database.

Tomalee Doan of the Kresge Business Library at the University of Michigan will review the pros, the cons, the costs, the future of real-time reference for real-world librarians.

Registrations will be mailed out to MLA Reference Division members in February. You can also register online beginning in February at the MLA web site at:
<http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/Workshops/index.html>

For more information on the workshop or to request a registration form by mail, please contact Debbie Gallagher at melgov@altavista.com.

Be there and Be the Strongest Link!

Web Site-ings



By: Lucy Roehrig, Library of Michigan Reference Librarian
& Knowledge Seeker

March is National Women's History Month

The following sites are related to women's her-story:

Encyclopedia Britannica- Women in American History
<http://women.eb.com/>

History Channel.com- Women's History Month
<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/womenhist/>

Info Please-Women's History Month
<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womenshistory1.html>

Michigan Women Hall of Fame
<http://members.tripod.com/mwfame/>

Middle Tennessee State University- American Women's
History Resource Guide
<http://frank.mtsu.edu/%7Ekmiddlet/history/women.html>

National Women's Hall of Fame
<http://www.greatwomen.org/>

National Women's History Museum
<http://www.nmwh.org/>

National Women's History Project
<http://www.nwhp.org/index.html>

University of Wisconsin System Women's Studies Librarian
<http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/WomensStudies/hist.htm>

Women's History Sourcebook
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/women/womensbook.html>

Tracer Bullets, Pathfinders or Webliographies

By Tim Watters, *Cataloger*

Topical subject guides, known as pathfinders, are traditional library finding aids that continue to thrive as they move from the print to the digital world. The Library of Congress invented a hip name for them, "tracer bullets," and the term webliography has also been used. Online versions are based on the same idea as the printed guides that libraries have always created and still create. Given the difficulty of finding relevant information on the Internet for many research projects, the importance of pathfinders has only increased. Internet directories such as *Yahoo* provide a similar service but are limited to free items available to anyone on the web. Library pathfinders, however, can include local resources such as subscription databases, print materials, and audio-visual items. The resulting product integrates the library's local electronic and physical sources on a particular topic into one list for easy reference. Electronic pathfinders can also improve upon the printed versions by allowing the patron to "drill down" to more specific lists. For example, a pathfinder on Michigan history may link to a more specific pathfinder on the history of logging in Michigan.

Some pathfinders also link to library-created summaries and digitized materials for frequently requested reference topics.

For those libraries with access to an OCLC account, there is an entire database of library pathfinders to use for ideas in creating your own. To access it you need to log in to the CORC database (<http://corc.oclc.org>) and select "pathfinders" from the menu on the left. An expanded menu will come up, and you can then choose whether you want to search or browse the database. Online help screens can assist in creating your own pathfinder and saving it based on your search results. A good pathfinder includes high quality web sites selected by the staff, books and videos in the library with locations stated prominently, and subscription databases accessible at the library.

If you know what physical resources your library has but want to add a good list of websites, try the MEL.org listings for adding to your pathfinder. For example, if you already know about your library's Michigan history collection, you can add the websites from the Michigan History area of MEL. Resources on MEL have been selected by library staff and are already evaluated for their usefulness, quality and relevancy. According to Becky Cawley, Statewide Database Administrator, "Pathfinders are one of the value-added kinds of resources that could be added to ATLAS in the future." This would give any web-connected Michigan library quick and easy access to relevant pathfinders on a variety of subjects.

Need Tax Help check MEL

<http://mel.lib.mi.us/michigan/mitaxforms.html>

Get your Michigan tax forms two ways: MEL provides tax years 1996 – 2001; or follow the link to the Michigan Treasury web site for years 1998 - 2001. You'll also find links to Michigan city tax sites, links to electronic filing sites, the CRC ready reference guide to Michigan taxes and more.

<http://mel.org/michigan/MI-taxforms01.html>

Same 2001 Michigan tax forms & instructions as the MI Treasury site but in an all-on-one-page format so you can browse for forms when you don't have all the information you'll need to find them on the MI Treasury site.

<http://mel.org/government/GOV-politics-taxes.html>

Your link to tax forms from the IRS, the 50 states, online filing sites including the Quicken Tax Freedom Project, and Richard Truxall's Short Guides to Installing & Using IRS and Michigan Tax Products CD-ROMs

Cataloging Rules Recognize “Electronic Resources”

By Tim Watters, Cataloger

Last fall, the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of Anglo-American Cataloging Rules replaced the contents of Chapter 9 of AACR2 in an attempt to allow libraries to create more meaningful records for electronic items in their collections. Among other changes, the phrase “electronic resource” can now be used to describe items such as websites, CD-ROMs and DVDs. Previously, catalog records were limited to the phrase “computer file,” which many found to be awkward and unclear for library patrons. The Library of Congress began implementing these new rules on December 1, 2001. These changes provide hope for those of us frustrated by the normally geologic pace of change in cataloging rules. JSC/AACR is, after all, an international committee whose members hold responsible positions in libraries in the United States, Canada, Australia and Great Britain. However, considering the rapid pace of technological improvement, it often seems that the rules are woefully slow in adopting changes. Trying to describe electronic items using the Procrustean rules for printed monographs is perhaps one of the biggest challenges for librarians as a profession (and probably contributes in part, to the old-fashioned stereotype of librarians). The 2000 Annual Report for JSC/AACR indicates a strong awareness of the issues, especially the difference between fixed, stable items such as books and dynamic, transitory items such as serials and electronic productions. The next step appears to be a new Chapter 12 entitled “Continuing Resources.”

The Library of Michigan received the new rules on CD-ROM and began implementing them immediately (we even cheated a bit and started calling things “electronic resources” before the official beginning date). For other libraries that do not subscribe to a union catalog such as OCLC, the Library of Michigan has added a “MARC Display” button to the bibliographic record screen of our online catalog. This will allow those who are interested to see how we coded the record for a particular item.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

MICHIGAN NEWSPAPER PROJECT EXPANSION

The Michigan Newspaper Project announces a major revision and expansion of the Michigan Newspaper Family Histories web pages. The pages can be found at <http://libraryofmichigan.org/services/usnpintro.html>

Based on the project's work of cataloging over 3600 Michigan newspaper titles, these pages graphically display nearly every newspaper ever published in Michigan.

The publishing history of a newspaper can be complicated. Title changes, mergers and absorptions are very common in newspaper publishing. Since knowing the exact title and dates of a newspaper can be of great help in historical research, our newspaper 'families,' similar to family trees, have been created to help librarians, researchers, genealogists and others track the titles, publishing dates and history of Michigan's newspapers.

We welcome your telephone calls, e-mail and letters about newspaper titles or families. If you have any additional information about any of the newspaper families or titles on these pages, or if you have or need information about a city or title not yet on our list, please contact Kevin Driedger at: (517) 373-9440 or kdriedger@michigan.gov

The Michigan Newspaper Project is funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and supported by the Library of Congress.

Group Digs into Local History in Three Oaks

A large and enthusiastic group of people with a passion to know about the past attended the inaugural meeting of the Harbor County Historical Society at the Three Oaks Township Library on the evening of November 1, 2001. The response to the monthly meetings has been wonderful, according to Stephanie Daniels, library director.

The meetings are open to anyone interested in the history of the Harbor County area of southwest Michigan and includes the communities of Three Oaks, New Buffalo, Harbert, Lakeside, Sawyer, New Troy, Union Pier and Galien. The group is a mixture of long time residents, new residents who want to learn more about these communities and life residents.

Berkley Public Library

Alex Krentzin, children's librarian at Berkley Public Library, tells us that "Pancake Pig" from Laura Numeroff's story, *If You Give A Pig A Pancake*, visited the Berkley Library on December 28th. Kids of all ages enjoyed meeting Pancake and having their pictures taken with her, making piggy crafts and listening to piggy stories!" For more information about this event, contact Alex at 248-546-2440.

Club Information Available Through GR Public Library

The Grand Rapids Public Library staff has revamped the library's Club File, and this now serves as a database for more than 250 clubs and organizations in greater Grand Rapids. Recent improvements include live links to groups' websites, photographs and longer description of clubs featured on the Club File's home page. The file also provides links useful for helping patrons find other helping agencies that may not fall within the scope of the Club File on the library's "Other Resources" page.

According to Sue Squire, communications director for the Grand Rapids Public Library, "The Club File is a valuable community resource because some clubs and organizations do not pay for advertising and do not have a telephone number in the phone book, making them difficult to find."

The Club File is located on the Grand Rapids Public Library's website at www.grpl.org/clubfile. To add a group to the Club File, submit an online entry to www.grpl.org/clubfile?act=submit, or e-mail the group's name and phone number to club@grpl.org, or call the Club File voicemail at 988-5402 ext.2582.



"Pancake Pig was played by Detroit Area actress and singer, Marci Christian."

Clarksville Library Plans Reading Club

The Clarksville Area Library invites everyone to join the Winter Reading Club, a free program that runs through March 31. This winter's theme is America. Reading books or listening to books on tape about this country or works from a list of 50 American authors will provide a special bonus to readers. Besides the joy of reading participants will get double time credit toward the prizes awarded by the library in April 2002. Prizes will be awarded during National Library Week April 14-20.

For more information about this program, please call the library at 616-693-1001.

More ...

Matching Fund Program at Indian River Area Library

The Books-on-Cassette collection could receive up to \$2,000 in a program announced by the Friends of the Indian River Area Library at their November meeting. Because of a limited budget, the Indian River Area Library cannot provide funds for Books-on-Cassette. In November 2001, the Friends of the Indian River Area Library voted to match up to \$1,000 of public and business donations for the purchase of additional books-on-cassette tapes.

According to Cindy Poquette, Director of the Indian River Area Library, "Thus far, in the four weeks this has been in effect we have had \$985.00 come in."



Clinton-Macomb Public Library

The Friends of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library began selling copies of the 2002 Entertainment Coupon Book in the fall 2001 in order to raise funds to support the many programs for children and teens offered at the three libraries in Clinton and Macomb townships. More than 160 books were sold, netting almost \$1,100 in profit for the Friends, said Friends of the Clinton-Macomb Library secretary Jan Jones.

"While we knew how popular the entertainment books would be, the demand for this item greatly exceeded our goals and expectations and the project was easy for us to manage!" Jones added. This year's

book had a price of \$30, less than the offered at local malls, and featured hundreds of discounts for family dining, food, movies, sporting events, activities, special attractions and hotels.

For more information, call the library at 810-226-5007.

Van Buren District Library

The Writers' Group, sponsored by the Lawrence Branch Library of the Van Buren District Library, meets the second and fourth Mondays each month at a local coffee shop in Lawrence. This group has been in existence for eight years. At the present time, material is being assembled for the group's 5th annual collection, "Milepost 52." The title is taken from the exit number for Lawrence, off of I-94. Each collection contains a variety of material, including children's stories, poems, short fiction, and reminiscences. Anyone aged 18 and older who is interested in the craft of writing is welcome to attend meetings and submit material for the group's publication.

For more information about this group, please call the Lawrence Branch Library at 616-674-3200.



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If you have a news item you would like to contribute, please contact Jo Budler at 517-373-5507 or email: jbudler@libraryofmichigan.org.

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